Tasmanian Field Naturalists' Club (TFNC)

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The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to the study of all forms of Natural History, and is comprised of both experts and beginners. We cover a wide variety of topics, and we support conservation. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, except January, in the CSIRO Conference Room, Stowell Ave, Battery Point, at 7.45 p.m. Outings are usually held the following weekend, meeting outside the new entrance to the Museum, Macquarie Street.

The Club's address is G.P.O. Box 68A, Hobart, 7001 and the Secretary is Ms Helen Davidson, phone 23 7015.

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PROGRAMME

Thurs. Aug. 2nd.	7.45p.m. Don Hird will give an overview of Tasmania's small mammal fauna, in particular those to be found on Mt. Wellington.
Sat. Aug. 4th.	8.00a.m. (from Museum) Note early start! We will visit Mt. Wellington to inspect the results of Don's live-trapping of these native mammals.(If the weather is very bad, the trapping will be on Porter's Hill, Lower Sandy Bay, not the mountain.)
Thurs. Sept.6th.	7.45p.m. Members Night. Would all members who have natural history slides and mementos of their recent holidays or outings, and would like to contribute to the evening, please contact Helen as soon as possible so that a programme can be arranged.
Sept.7th.,8th. and 9th.	Federation of F.N.C. weekend at Banksia Camp, Port Sorell, hosted by the Devonport Field Nats. Club. If you would like to attend, please contact Helen for copies of the itinery, etc.
Sat. Sept. 15th.	9.00a.m. Note: 3rd. Sat. in Sept.! A special springtime visit to Capricorn 1, an educational farm and children's holiday resort near Cygnet. We will be joined by special guests who will assist us in an initial assessment of the streamside area's natural history, prior to the establishment of a Nature Trail there. (See the item later in this Bulletin for further details.)
Thurs. Oct. 4th.	7.45p.m. Mr. Malcolm Wells, an expert in underwater photography, will show us some of his beautiful slides of Tas. marine life. You will view fish you have never seen or possibly even heard of before!
Sat. Oct. 6th	9.00a.m. Dr. Robert Taylor will lead us and members of B.O.A.T. on an outing via the Nugent Forestry Road to the Sandspit River Forest Reserve, the Wielangta Forest Block with its tall trees and the Three Thumbs near Orford which has interesting plants and bird-life and where, from the Lookout, we will be able to obtain wonderful coastal views. We will visit a gully of remnant rainforest as well as wet sclerophyll and dry sclerophyll areas.
Thurs. Nov. 1st.	7.45p.m. Peg Putt, the Nature Guarantee Coordinator with the Tasmanian Conservation Trust will give an illustrated talk on Protection for Tasmania's Endangered Species and their Habitats.
Sat. Nov. 3rd.	A trip to Bruny Island with Peg Putt and Sandy Tiffin to visit the Trust's newly acquired Lutregala Marsh Reserve.

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NEW MEMBERS: Patti Virtue and her son Jacob of the Glebe, Glenda Johnson of Rosny and Georgina Docharty of Bellerive have recently become members to TFNC. We welcome them all and hope they will continue to enjoy attending our meetings and outings.

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VISIT OF AMERICAN NATURALISTS: On Wednesday October 31st and Thursday November 1st, a group of 20 North American ladies will be visiting Hobart. Len Wall, Helen Davidson and Robbie Poynter will act as guides for their trips to various natural history sites in Southern Tasmania. It is hoped that they will conclude their stay by attending Peg Putt's talk on Thursday night and meeting some more of our members.

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SGAP WILDFLOWERS OF AUSTRALIA EXHIBITION: The show will be held at the City Hall, Hobart from 12th-15th October. The committee and other members are busily involved in organising our display which will be entitled "Collecting With Care". It is envisaged that plants, insects, snails, shells, mammal scats and skulls, seaweeds and reptiles will be collected, preserved and exhibited.

We require volunteers to help set up the display on Thursday October 11th, staff it and give out information to the public during the exhibition which will be open daily between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., and to assist in dismantling the display after 3 p.m. on Monday 15th. Please let Sue Collier know (ph. 29 6597) when you will be available so that a roster can be drawn up. This will be a great opportunity for you to publicize our club, meet many interesting people and take a prolonged look at the other displays.

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CAPRICORN 1 OUTING: The farm is situated between Cradoc and Glaziers Bay, opposite the southern end of Egg Island. We will be observing and hopefully identifying some of the native plants, birds and invertebrates, as well as the fossils on the property. It is envisaged that an educational leaflet will be produced to indicate to children the significant flora and fauna along the Nature Trail route, and to encourage them to study them further.

Children will be very welcome to attend on Sat. 15th, but parents are asked to please supervise them at all times as there will be a lot of newborn farm animals there then and the owner would like them not to be disturbed or harmed in any way.

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TFNC INC.? In conjunction with the review of club rules, the committee is investigating Public Liability Insurance and whether or not the club should become incorporated. Recommendations will be put to members at a special general meeting once sufficient information is available.

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NEW MEETING VENUE AND LIBRARY LOCATION: After inspecting several buildings, committee members have decided to accept the offer of accommodation in the Life Sciences building at the University. Meetings will be conducted in a seminar room and the Library will be stored upstairs in a laboratory. It is envisaged that the November meeting will be the first held at this new venue and the Library will be moved around about this time. Further details and directions will be given in the next Bulletin.

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